

Response Under 37 CFR 1.116
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Examining Group 1762
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REMARKS

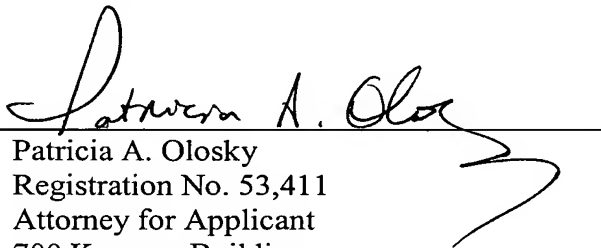
Pursuant to an in-person Interview with the Examiner, claim 11 has been amended to overcome the prior art of record. Please see the Interview Summary dated December 6, 2005 in which the Examiner acknowledges that the amendments made to claim 11 will define over the cited prior art. Support for the amendments is found, *inter alia*, at page 1, lines 15-21 and 24-29; and page 6, lines 18-21 of the originally filed specification.

As acknowledged by the Examiner, because the amendments to claim 11 will require further search and consideration, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is also submitted herewith. In view of the foregoing, it is believed that rejected independent claim 11 is allowable over the prior art of record. As claims 12-16, 21 and 22 depend from and add further limitations to claim 11, it is believed that these claims are also allowable over the prior art of record.

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration of the rejections of the claims is respectfully requested and allowance of claims 11-16 and 21-22 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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